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Echo of Police action against overloading School vehicles

Over 500 city auto drivers stage protest

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- Over 500 auto drivers, who ferry school children in their vehicles from various areas in city, staged a protest at Oval Grounds this morning against the Police action on them for carrying extra school children (more than the capacity of the vehicle).

It may be recalled here that on June 22, the City Police launched a crackdown on auto drivers, van drivers and owners for overloading children in vehicles and driving in break-neck speed through the city's streets risking the lives of children and their own lives.

On that day, the Police booked over 100 cases against erring drivers who refused to comply with Supreme Court guidelines on the number of children to be ferried in a vehicle. The drive was launched to check seating capacity, condition of vehicles, driver details and other norms.

City auto drivers ferrying school children staging a protest at Oval Grounds in city this morning.

The auto drivers assembled at the Oval Grounds soon after their morning duty of dropping children and raised their voice against what they called "Police excesses" in booking cases against them. The protest was held under the banner of Mysuru City School Auto Drivers and Owners Welfare Cooperative Society and was spearheaded by Society President Lakshminarayana.

Opposing the Police move, the auto drivers demanded that they must be allowed to carry eight children in an auto and 12 children in an Omni van. Going by the guidelines, an autorickshaw can carry only four children over the age of 12 and five if the children are below 12. In Mysuru, an auto carries six to nine children with their bags along. An Omni vehicle is allowed to carry six or seven children but instead the vehicle carries more than 15 children.

(See PROTEST on page 8)

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Police sensitise auto drivers on guidelines

Mysuru, June 26 (RKB&BCT)- Soon after autorickshaws ferrying children to schools staged a protest at Oval Grounds this morning against the penalties levied by the Police for overloading their vehicles with children, the City Police held a meeting at City Police Commissioner's Office to educate these drivers on the Department's and Supreme Court guidelines.

The meeting was chaired by City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna and DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, Traffic ACP G.N. Mohan and other Police officers were present.

Over 300 auto drivers attended the meeting.

(See POLICE on page 8)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy B.A.; B.L.
Mysuru, Wednesday 26th June 2019

Revival for Survival

We are in an era witnessing the literati of the land, particularly the urban elite and their young cohorts giving up time-honoured customs and looking askance at the traditions that have endured for centuries, some of them featured in the narratives of epics as well as scriptures. The impact of rule by aliens for nearly four centuries ending seven decades ago on the makeover in Indian ethos is being bandied about by public speakers with or without credentials to dwell on the matter. The extent and rate of the perceptible change in outlook to the land's legacy of now-disfavoured ways of life have not shown any signs of abating, thanks to many factors, particularly rapid urbanisation bringing in its wake congestion in cities, compulsions of stressed life, shortfall of life-supporting resources, tardy administration and last but not the least, families devoid of the elderly playing the role of mentors. The modern society, dominated by nuclear families with no space for the senior citizens, seems to mock at the oft-quoted expression that the entire world is a family.

The child, in a typical urban-based family, growing in an atmosphere that offers no scope to learn the do's and don'ts of life drawn from the land's customs and traditional practices is also forced to spend years of schooling missing *education* by miles and miles. There are no signs of the elderly returning to the family fold that they raised.

Every generation owes its whatever good practices its families follow to past generations that have survived overcoming hardships resulting from vagaries of nature such as epidemics, earthquakes, floods, droughts, extremes of climate and so on, compounded by many human frailties in which class the ongoing over-mining of sand from riverbeds and mindless denudation of vegetation in forest lands stand out. The accusing finger for all the damage done to environment cannot but be pointed at successive administrations whose honchos have not set examples for people to comply with environment-protecting measures. Now, it has fallen in the lap of enlightened individuals and families to act as exemplars for the masses to spare time and energy in restoring the sources of the life-saving natural resources with a sense of urgency.

Administration in one of the districts of Karnataka deserves to be complimented for promoting programmes of conserving water and greening living spaces both within city limits and surroundings, including awarding prizes for excellence to performing families.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We are so sure of our beliefs, views and opinions. We call it the truth. We say that's how things are. But have we ever examined whether any of this is true? Why or how, are we so sure? Right or wrong, everyone is equally sure. We don't ever doubt our own thinking. Even though we have put in no effort to learn how to think or verify whether what we think is true. We are sure of what to eat, what to drink, how to behave, which medical cure will work, what is best for our children. And what is the result of this sure-ness? That our life continues with the same, frustrating helplessness. Parts of life never seem to get resolved. Our problems never seem to get solved. — *Janki Santoke in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Seagulls keep couple hostage in their own home

Lancashire: An elderly couple at Lancashire in the UK, have claimed that they were held hostage by a pair of seagulls nesting on the roof of their home. Every time they tried to leave the birds would become aggressive and attack them.

Roy and Brenda Pickard's story sounds like a real life version of Alfred Hitchcock's "Birds". The elderly couple were held hostage in their own home by a pair of adult Herring Gulls after the birds' chicks slipped on the roof of the house and landed onto the canopy directly above the front door. Every time Roy tried opening the front door, he was confronted by two angry squawking adult seagulls.

One time, when he decided to take his chances and go outside, the 71-year-old was hit so hard on the back of the head that he had to be taken to the hospital for help. Local authorities have installed a gazebo outside the couple's home, which should offer some protection, but that's the best they can do for now.

Headache caused by wood splinters stuck in brain

Beijing: A Chinese man recently turned up at a hospital in Yunnan Province with a swollen eyelid and excruciating headache. He was shocked to learn that his condition was caused by several pieces of wood stuck in his brain.

The man, surnamed Zhou, told doctors that he first realised something was wrong when an old scar on his right eyelid became swollen and his occasional headaches started getting worse. Unable to deal with the pain, he finally went a Hospital in Yunnan Province for treatment, where a computerized tomography scan revealed that he had several pieces of wood with a combined length of 11 cm stuck in his brain. Asked how on Earth he had ended up with so much would deep inside his skull, Zhou recalled an accident that had occurred half a decade ago when he tripped and fell face first into a thick tree branch that pierced his right eyelid and entered his eye socket.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is white coat hypertension?

Anxiety and worry can cause blood pressure to spike. For some, a trip to the doctor can send blood pressure through the roof. This common condition is called "White coat hypertension," referring to the doctor's scary white coat.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

'Hard work and dedication must for overall development of student'

Mysuru, June 26- 'Only hard work and dedication will help in the overall development of the student,' opined Dr. S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor, KSOU.

Addressing the first year students of BBA, B.Com and BA in Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC) here recently, he said that a good infrastructure with effective teachers and interested students are important in the development of an institution.

Stating that the 'Name' of the institution does not matter but what matters is how the college helps in a student's growth, the VC stressed on the advancing technology and how students must make use of it to the fullest.

The VC opined that students must use every given opportunities well, as the current situation is highly competitive.

He also said that completing the degree has to be the priority along with physical fitness. Students should get engaged in extracurricular activities in order to make overall development.

Chief guest P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, spoke on how Indians were a part of progress in a leading nation like USA. He also mentioned the importance of Commerce graduates in the overall growth of a nation.

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presided. Shrishaila Ramannanavar, Treasurer in-charge of the Sangha and T. Nagaraju, Chairman, CMC, VVFGC were the guests of honour.

Dr. S. Marigowda, Principal of VVFGC, delivered the introductory address. J. Manju rendered the invocation. Dr. B.T. Raghu welcomed. After the inaugural function, a special lecture on the topic 'Education Quotient' was delivered by Dr. B.N. Raveesh, HoD of Psychiatry, MMC&RI.

Really...?

- *Blue whales eat half a million calories in one mouthful: Those 4,57,000 calories are more than 240 times the energy the whale uses to scoop those krill into its mouth.*
- *That tiny pocket in jeans was designed to store pocket watches: The original jeans only had four pockets: that tiny one, plus two more on the front and just one in the back.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Three men are riding on just one motorcycle. They pass a Police patrol. The Policeman shouts after them: "Police! Stop your vehicle now!" But they just continue driving past. The last man turns around and yells: "Sorry dude! We can't take you on, we're already one too many!"

Today's Currency Rate

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VOICE OF THE READER

Festering garbage on Vishwamanava Road

Sir,

While there was footpath on the eastern side of Vishwamanava Double Road in Saraswathipuram, on the western side there was no footpath as it is adjacent to a channel which serves as a drainage for rain water and other foul waters leading to nearby Kukkarahalli Lake. Since it was not provided with a footpath it served as a convenient dumping ground for garbage as people could easily cross the central verge as it did not have any barricade.

In addition there are two restaurants adjacent to the channel. In recent times it was provided with a footpath and also the central verge was provided with on both sides with 2.5 ft high shiny tubular easily mountable barricade all along to its junction on 5th Cross which is a bus route. It is shocking to observe that garbage has been dumped on the channel slope *(see photo)* presenting an ugly sight with festering garbage.

As per recent report in *SOM,* the broken pipe on the northern side conveying sewage water is flowing into the already depleted Kukkarahalli Lake and polluting it. During present season of rainfall there is every danger when water falling on the garbage carries it during its flow into the Lake. This will not only prove deadly to fish-life besides a source of spreading disease.

Will the MCC officials and the engineer concerned immediately inspect and take stern action against whoever is responsible for this menace?

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
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Five-day training for Hindi and Urdu teachers of South India at CIIL

Mysuru, June 26- A five-day training-cum-workshop on Testing & Evaluation and Item writing for the Hindi and Urdu teachers of South India, began at National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL),** Mysuru on Monday.

Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL inaugurated the programme. In his inaugural speech he said that truthful and scientific evaluation is the need of the hour. In this connection teachers should understand the different parameters of testing and evaluation.

While emphasising the responsibilities of teachers, Prof. Rao said that the job of the teacher requires lot of skills with analytical ability and a periodical assessment is needed with uniformity in testing and evaluation for teachers as well as students for their better progress.

Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL and Head, Centre for Testing and Evaluation, briefed the participants about the activities of the CIIL and its various schemes. Further, he added that the benefits gained by the teachers during this programme shall be implemented in all the classroom activities.

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer In-charge, NTS-I, briefed about the objectives of the workshop and assured that it will provide the teachers and research scholars with solutions to deal with common problems faced by students while writing exams.

Dr. Sanjay Prasad Srivastava and Dr. G.M. Ansari, both Junior Resource Persons, NTS-I, CIIL compered. Dr. Biresh Kumar, Resource Person, NTS-I, proposed a vote of thanks.

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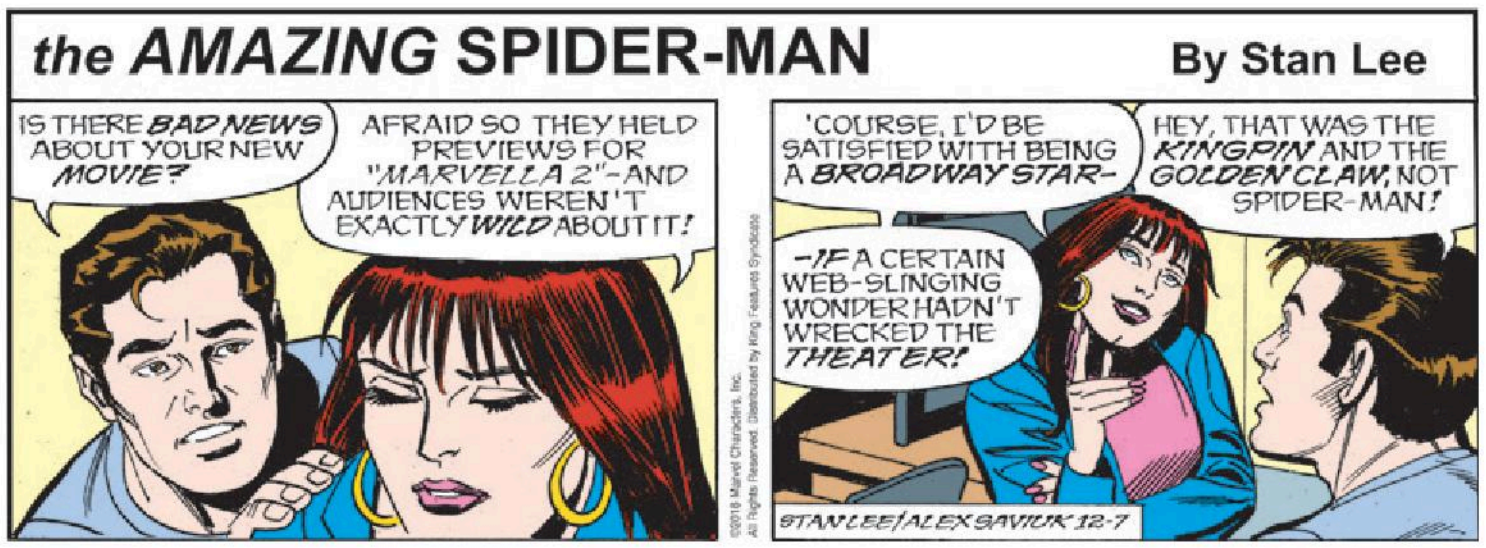
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NEWS BRIEFS

Free Training for IAS/KAS

Jnanabutti has organised free training for 'IAS, IPS, KAS and other competitive exams' at Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College in city. Interested can register their names before June 29 at the college between 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm every day. For details, contact Ph: 94481-17455 or 99728-30857.

Udyoga Mela

Udyoga Mela (Job Fair) has been organised by the District Employment Exchange on June 29 at 10 am at its premises in N.R. Mohalla. A well known organisation located in Mysuru-Bengaluru Road is recruiting for various posts through direct interview at the venue. The Job Fair is open to both male and female candidates aged 18 to 35 years with educational qualifications ranging from SSLC (Pass/Fail) to PUC, ITI, Diploma, Degree, MBA/Post Graduation etc. Interested are requested to carry ten copies of bio-data along with copies of marks cards and Aadhaar Card to the Mela. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2489972.

Monsoon Walk to Mandalpatti

People Tree has organised one-day trekking expedition to Mandalpatti near Madikeri on June 30 to feel and experience monsoon. Those interested, may contact Shiva Shankar on 94488-55199/94800-95563.

Valedictory

The valedictory of the 10-day workshop (Phase I) on "Strengthening Basic English Language Skills" conducted by Dr. R. Purnima of Children's Literary Club at Ranga Rao Memorial School for the Differently-Abled, Metagalli, Mysuru, will be held on June 27 at 5.30 pm.

Condoled

The NIE Society Managing Committee has condoled the passing away of BAI Mysore Chapter Chairman Naidhruva, an alumnus of 1992 batch of NIE and Life Member of NIE Society on June 16. In a condolence message, Hon. President of NIE MC Shrinath Batni has expressed grief at the untimely demise of Naidhruva.

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Public outcry against Abba Road development near Govt. Guest House

A view of the stalled Abba Road development work near Government Guest House.

Mysuru, June 26 (SBD&NNN)- The road widening and development is very important in the city as the vehicle density is increasing. However, the public in the city are upset because crores of rupees are being spent for the development of one particular road.

With the grant from the State Finance Commission (SFC) the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken up the widening and development work of Abba Road from Five Lights Circle to Hyder Ali Road. MCC has taken permission from the Government to use the land in the Government Guest House premises for development. However, the work from Five Lights Circle to Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) only has been taken up.

There are a few hotels on this stretch and it looks like crores of rupees are being spent for this development which will benefit only the customers of the hotels for the parking of their vehicles. But it will not help the public in any way, the public felt and expressed their ire.

Any project that is taken up for the benefit of the people will be useful only if it is completed at a stretch. However, when one looks at the work on the Abba Road, it looks like more than being beneficial to the people, it is dangerous.

It is more than six months since the road-widening work on Abba Road into a six-lane road began. Even then it is not being done in a systematic way. The road is being laid only till KPA compound. The road now stretches even behind the Government Guest House heritage north gate arch entrance.

The vehicles coming from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Cirlce (FTS Circle) side to the Five Light Circle cannot go around the north gate arch entrance. Hence, the vehicles must use the old road itself.

Since the heritage north gate arch entrance cannot be shifted, there is no use of the road widening or its development as it does not help in reducing traffic jams, but instead it creates more problems.

The vehicles coming from Hyder Ali Road towards Five Lights Circle have to pass next to KPA compound and take an immediate left turn and pass behind the arch. As they take an immediate left turn there are chances of accidents. Hence, this move to widen the road is not helping the public in any way.

The rulers of the past who had a vision had long ago built roads scientifically. But the Abba Road work, in short is a disaster. The authorities concerned must see how best they can retrieve the situation, feel the public.

The development work only up to KPA Compound.

What officials say

The aim was to develop Abba Road from Five Light Circle to Hyder Ali Road into a six-lane stretch. After obtaining permission from the government to utilise the space inside the Government Guest House, the work was taken up from the government grant of nearly Rs. 3.5 crore and the road development work is going on in this 420-metre stretch widening it by 30 metres on either side. The work will be completed shortly. The work on the damaged historical arch as per the heritage building protection norms without demolishing and damaging its originality as per the guidelines laid down by Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage will be taken up by the department itself. After the estimate is provided the necessary grants will be sanctioned. As there is a delay in acquiring a portion of land in KPA premises, the work will be completed till there. A letter to the KPA had been written but they had said that they need permission from their central office. If any land has to be purchased then the Deputy Commissioner has to give permission. Hence, a letter has also been written to the DC in this regard, said the officials of MCC Zone7.

Non-issuance of khata: Former Mayor expresses ire over MCC

B.L. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, June 26 (RKB&US)- Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa has expressed his displeasure over the negligence of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for not issuing khata for sites and houses handed over to MCC by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) which has terribly inconvenienced such property owners.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakatara Bhavan here recently, Bhyrappa expressed happiness over MCC's decision to approve construction plans online. However he bemoaned that owners of sites transferred from MUDA to MCC cannot use the online facility owing to non-issuance of khata.

Continuing, Bhyrappa said that such property owners have continued to visit MUDA for obtaining khata or pay tax. The problem is predominant in Vijayanagar 3rd stage and other areas. People who have obtained houses under Ashraya and Ambedkar Housing Schemes and children who have inherited property through parents too are facing problem to get khata from MCC. Without khata, selling the property is also not possible.

The officials concerned should solve the issue before the property owners launch a strong protest, warned Bhyrappa.

Former Mayor Purushotham was present at the press meet.

Sulwadi Maramma Temple Poisoning Case

Court defers hearing to July 10

Chamarajanagar, June 26 (SS&KS)- The Chamarajanagar Principal District and Sessions Court, yesterday postponed the hearing of the Sulwadi Maramma Temple Poisoning Case to July 10 as the advocate of three of the four accused was absent.

The four accused — Immadi Mahadevaswamy (prime accused), Madesh, Ambika and Doddaiah — who are lodged in Mysuru Jail, were taken to Chamarajanagar with tight Police security and were produced before the Court yesterday morning.

Judge G. Basavaraju asked prime accused Immadi Mahadevaswmy whether his advocate was present to which a junior advocate representing advocate Appanna from Ponnampet told the Judge that his senior was not present and he had come on his behalf and told the Judge that he would submit an application seeking quashing of the charge-sheet to which the Judge gave his consent.

The Judge then asked the remaining three accused — Madesh, Ambika and Doddaiah — whether they have appointed an advocate to which the accused said that they have appointed advocate Sadananda from Bengaluru besides stating that the advocate has not come to the Court.

As the advocate was not present in the Court, Judge Basavaraju postponed the hearing to July 10.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage, Albadar Mosque, Suryanarayana Temple, Christian Colony and surrounding areas.

V.V. Mohalla Power Distribution Centre: Saraswathipuram 1st to 16th Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, KG Koppal Main Road, University Quarters, Muslim Hostel, Vishwamanava Double Road, Murugan Medicals to Kukkarahalli Lake Road, Paduvarahalli, DC Residency, Regional Commissioner Office, CFTRI Campus, Valmiki Road, Judge Quarters, Vontikoppal, Hunsur Main Road and surrounding areas, according to a release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Gambling: Five arrested,
Rs.3,200 stake money seized

Mysuru, June 26 (KS)- Mandi Police have arrested five persons who were gambling at the auto stand in N.R. Road-Pulikeshi Road Junction yesterday and have seized Rs.3,200 stake money from them.

The arrested are 38-year-old Puttaraju, 33-year-old Ashok, 21-year-old Devaraju, 30-year-old Chandru and 27-year-old Kiran, all residents of Tilak Nagar in city. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station in this regard. Mandi Inspector L. Arun and staff Vijayendra Singh, Chandrashekar, Jayakumar, Ravi Gowda and Hanumantha Kalleda took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Court sentences five accused
in murder case to life imprisonment
They had burnt alive four persons of a family

Mysuru, June 26 (KS)- The city's Fourth Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced five persons to life imprisonment for murdering four persons of a family and has imposed a fine of Rs.2 lakh each.

Those sentenced to life are Haseena, Adil, Kausar, Jabeen, Syeeda and Zarin Taj.

On Mar.30, 2014 midnight, Haseena along with others had doused petrol on the family members of Afzal Pasha of K.N. Pura in Udayagiri Police limits at his residents and has set them on fire resulting in the death of Afzal Pasha, Shirin Taj, Saif and Yousuf and Myfoos, Yunus and Masood suffering severe burn injuries. The injured were admitted to a hospital and hence recovered.

Udayagiri Police, who had registered a case against Haseena, Adil, Kausar, Jabeen, Syeeda and Zarin Taj, investigated the case and had submitted the charge-sheet to the Court.

The Fourth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Hosamani Pundalika, who heard the arguments from both sides, found the five accused guilty of the crime and sentenced them to life imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs.2 lakh each.

If the accused fail to pay the fine, they have to undergo an additional six months imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor Dharannevar argued on behalf of the Government, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

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Woman dies in sleep

Mysuru, June 26 (YDS&KS)- Mystery shrouds over the death of a 36-year-old woman, who died in her sleep at her residence in Roopanagar here on Monday.

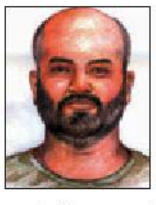
The deceased is Shwetha, an employee of a private firm.

Shwetha, who had her dinner along with her family members on Sunday night, went to sleep and she was found dead by the family members on Monday morning.

Mysuru Rural Police, who rushed to the spot, registered a case, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, where the post-mortem was conducted and the body was later handed over to the family members.

Police said that the exact cause of death would be known only after receiving the post-mortem report.

Unidentified body found



Mysuru, June 26 (KS)- Udayagiri Police, on Mar.3 at about 3 pm have found a body of an unidentified man aged between 30 and 40 years in the drain next to Narayana Hospital at Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage.

The body was swollen, decomposed and the face unrecognisable. The deceased is oily red complexioned, round faced, well built and was wearing a striped T-shirt like baniyan when found.

Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case, have cremated the body as the deceased's family members were not found.

The Police, who have prepared the sketch of the deceased have asked the kith and kin of the unidentified person to contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Woman dies at hospital

Mysuru, June 26 (YDS&KS)- A 29-year-old woman, who had attempted suicide by consuming poison and was admitted to a hospital, has breathed her last at the hospital yesterday.

The deceased is Pushpalatha, a resident of Maidunahalli in the taluk. Pushpalatha, who was suffering from illness, had consumed poison two days ago and was admitted to a hospital. Yelwal Police have registered a case.

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Creating World Class Universities: Are we missing something?

Higher education and new education policy is being discussed across the country. One concern often talked about is the absence of World Class Universities from India in the top 100 of the Global Ranking. ***Prof. J.A.K. Tareen,*** *former Vice-Chancellor of Kashmir University and presently residing in Mysuru, had made a study on this subject when he was involved in writing the XII Plan Document. Here we publish some of his observations. — Ed*

A hundred-year-old Mysore University does not conduct entrance exams across the country thus limiting its Student Demography to local districts. The Diversity Factor of faculty is zero. The Karnataka State has been opening the so-called Universities in every district losing sight of the needed universality of a University...

By Prof. J.A.K. Tareen

The absence of any of the Indian Universities and Institutions in the top 100 or even 200 of World Class Universities ranked by international agencies like the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Times Higher Education (THE) has been a matter great concern and prestige to the country, the students and parents. Every time the matter was discussed, the men who matter in the corridors of power only spoke of increase in the funding in education, though this is one of the essential inputs, but not all that was required. This has been proved during the XI Five Year Plan. A three-time higher allocation of Rs. 44,000 crore for higher education, ended with only Rs. 18,000 crore utilised, with hardly any tangible growth in programmes, student strength and research output. In fact, 50 percent of the sanctioned posts remained vacant at the end of the plan period.

I had an opportunity to study the basic lacunae (missing parameters) in Indian Institutions vis-a-vis the top 100 of World Class Universities while I was involved in writing the XII Plan Document in 2012. We discovered a few critical characteristics of World Class Universities that were missing or deficient in the Indian Universities. These were:

Critical Mass of Students on the Campus: This factor is extremely crucial for spikes of excellence to rise on a large canvas. The simplest analogy is that fishing in a pond fetches you small fishes and crabs,while fishing in oceans gets a catch of all sizes but sometimes, a shark or a whale, that you don't find in a pond. What we are missing in our campuses is a shark or whale. The available space in every University campus of the country and a College (with a few exceptions in the urban areas and major cities) are grossly underutilised.

The national average of students on campus of Indian Universities is 3,500 and of a College is 460. The average student strength on the campuses of World Class Universities is about 20,000 and it even goes up to 80 or 90,000. Huge Indian campuses have an average student density of 11 per acre while it is up to 60 to 70 per acre in most World Class Universities.

The bottom line is that every Institution and University should use its campuses optimally which means, they should focus on doubling and tripling the student intake with proportional increase in amenities, infrastructure and faculty. This would consume bulk of the increased fund allocation. This policy was missing in XI Plan that resulted in less than 50 percent utilisation of funds. The significance of critical mass does not find prominent place even in our Draft Education Policy.

Diversity Index: Besides critical mass, the Diversity Index of faculty and students on the campus contributes to the quality of teaching, learning, innovation and inventions which is the major concern of most Indian Institutions except for the Centrally-funded premium Institutions. This should come as a National Policy and should be incentivised. The Diversity Index of World Class Universities is more than 50 percent of both students and faculty while it is 0 to 5 percent in all State Government-funded Universities.

The Centrally-funded premium institutions have a diversity of both students and faculty ranging between 20 and 50 percent. This is directly reflected in the better quality and performance of these Institutions. Diversity in student population can only be increased by opening up the admission to students across the country and by conducting their entrance tests across the country at least in major cities.

Student Demography: A hundred-year-old Mysore University does not conduct entrance exams across the country thus limiting its student demography to local districts. The diversity factor of faculty is zero, here. The Karnataka State has been opening the so-called Universities in every district losing sight of the needed universality of a University.

Under-Graduate (UG) programmes on the campus and Integrated Master's programmes are only at IITs and IIMs and other new Central Technical Institutions and a few Central Universities like Pondicherry University and JNU. The Indian Universities, particularly the State-funded ones have not been proactive on this front for the simple reason that they are too much bound in the intricate knots of Governmental control, freedom to amend statutes and lack of National Policy direction to make Under-Graduate education on University campus mandatory.

Intellectual Walls: The fourth factor that distinguishes Indian Institutions from World Class Universities is too deeply entrenched in our system, culture and mindset. That is, the hard, impermeable intellectual walls between Departments, Faculties and Schools within a University and Forts built between Universities, the Central Research Laboratories and a host of Institutions. This culture was nurtured even in premier Institutions of the country for decades which shuts the sharing of resources and implementation of joint teaching and research programmes. As a result, Indian Universities, Central Research Laboratories and the Centrally-funded premier Institutions have worked as islands, disconnected from each other. This has seriously hindered the cross-breeding of ideas, innovation and inventions in the Indian Institutions as compared to the World Class top 200 Universities, who advocate and practice exactly the opposite of what we do in our Institutions.

Can the National Education Policy strongly advocate the demolition of Walls and Forts? Can it make sharing ideas and resources the new **National Mantra** than isolation and secretive research in islands?

Unless the above four basic pillars of erecting a World Class University are a part of our National Policy, of course with increased funding of a minimum of 6 percent of the GDP, our dreams of creating World Class Universities figuring in top 50, is hard to achieve.

Coupled with the above, a sea-change in administration needs to be brought in. There is a trust deficit between the administration and academia besides the bureaucratic curbs on free thinking and new ideas. Egos and dominance of senior faculty often kills the enthusiasm of younger faculty. Decentralisation of powers, total non-interference from Government in academic matters and appointment of faculty members, freedom to amend statutes, appropriate laws to appoint faculty from other countries and from across the country, minimum diversity index made mandatory for students and teaching faculty, demolition of artificial boundaries, are the small but supporting steps in creating World Class Universities.

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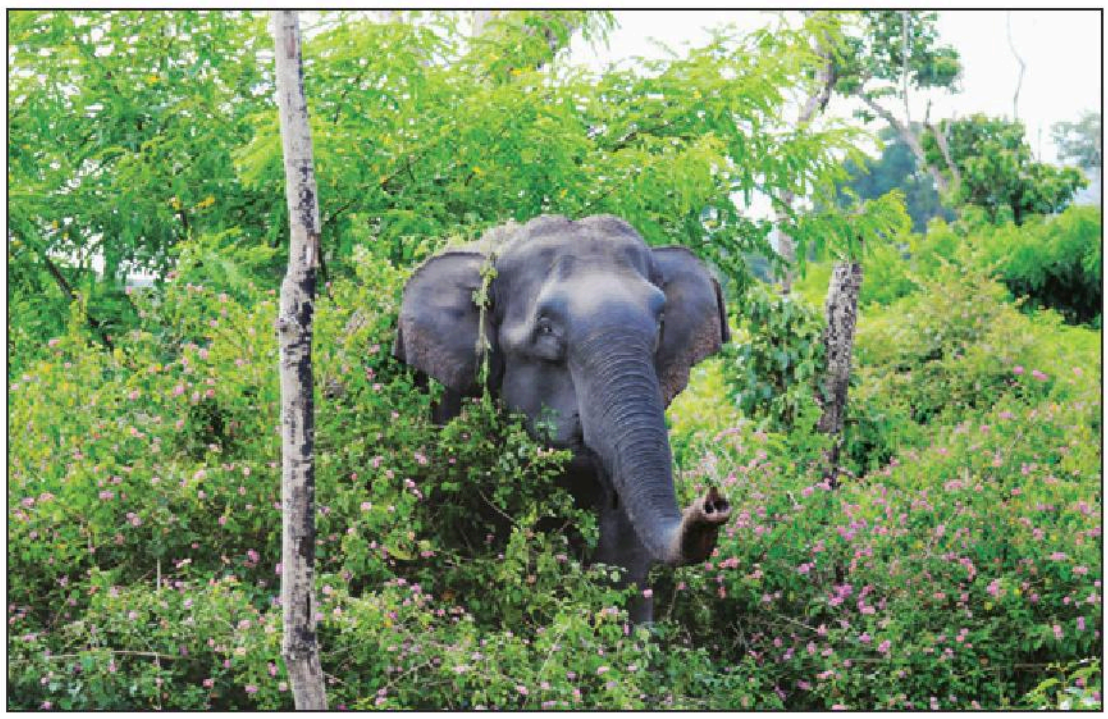
Bandipur Safari Track to be widened by 10 metres

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&BCT)- Keeping in mind the safety of people going for safari at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve and to facilitate the smooth movement of safari vehicles, the Forest Department has proposed to widen the safari routes by 20 metres from the existing 10 metres.

This move is to prevent wild animals from attacking the safari vehicles especially the smaller vehicles. The Tiger Reserve has a safari track of 256 kms and this has been created to promote nature tourism. However, tourists are taken only in 68-km safari track as the other tracks come inside the core area and entry of vehicles there will disturb the fauna.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Project Tiger and Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director **T. Balachandra** said that a proposal is being prepared to clear bushes, widen the tracks and this would cost Rs. 35 lakh. "We want to increase the buffer zone between the visitors and the forests and this widening will also give personnel supervising the safari some extra time to react to any possible threat and leave the place immediately," he said.



A wild elephant seen amidst Lantana growth on a safari track inside Bandipur National Park.

"There are certain points along the track where overgrowth of shrubs limits the line of sight and makes it difficult to see a charging animal. We will clear the overgrown plants and widen the track. This is the first time such an exercise is being undertaken at Bandipur," he added.

In all, 68-km track will be widened that includes the popular "Tiger Road" where tigers are usually sighted either crossing the track or quenching their thirst in the waterholes. "Senior Forest Department officials have agreed to this proposal and the project report will soon be submitted for approval," Balachandra said.

Apart from widening the safari track, the Department is also thinking to curb Lantana menace that is uncontrollably growing inside the forest. Dry Lantana bushes are particularly susceptible to forest fires and it spreads easily due to thick growth limiting or eliminating the scope of immediate fire extinguishing process.

It may be recalled, thousands of acres of forests were destroyed in the forest inferno that occurred in February this year and extensive growth of Lantana is said to be one of the main reasons for the devastating fire.

"Yes, we want to control Lantana growth and we are treading cautiously. If Lantana is removed on a massive scale in a short span of time, there is the danger of Parthenium growing uncontrollably across the forest which will turn into another problem for us. A decision has to be taken without affecting forest soil and preventing the growth of Parthenium," he added.

In the existing 10-metre wide track, there is not much space for safari vehicles to move freely and the road becomes congested when two vehicles cross each other's path. Also, the track is hemmed in by bushes and small plants on either side making it difficult to ascertain the presence of wild animals, especially elephants who have a tendency to hide behind bushes and attack safari vehicles.

Though there are no reports of elephants and other animals attacking the vehicles, the Forest Department wants to play safe by widening the tracks and also clearing Lantana weed growth.

Tourists flock Dammanakatte to see tigers, 'Black Beauty'

Increased demand on weekends and holidays, one more safari trip added

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&BCT)- Following increased demand for safari at Dammanakatte Forest amidst Kabini backwaters in Antharasanthe Forest Range of Nagarahole National Park, the Forest Department has included one additional safari trip on weekends and holidays.

The existing safari timings have been restricted to one-and-a-half hours and an additional safari slot has been created to handle the tourist rush. There are only three mini buses that go on safari at Dammanakatte forests and of them, one is a 20-seater and two are 27-seater buses.

Of late, tigers and black leopard that is nicknamed "Black Beauty" have been frequently sighted at Hulikere, Hosa Kere and Nayanjikatte areas. Also there are multiple elephant herds roaming and grazing around in Kabini backwaters greenery. This has made tourists and wildlife enthusiasts to make a beeline to Dammanakatte to catch a glimpse of animals in their natural habitat.

'Black Beauty' perched on a tree inside the Nagarahole National Park.

Forest Department officials told *Star of Mysore* that the black leopard (Black Beauty) is about six to seven-years-old and has been living in Kabini backwaters territory since 2014.

This feline is one of the most photographed animals in Nagarahole National Park. The 'Black Beauty' has multiple female partners spread across its territory. Unlike other leopards that are shy and elusive, this feline often gives a glimpse to tourists who flock Nagarahole.

SAFARI CHARGES

On holidays and weekends, tourists can take the one-and-a-half hour safari at 6 am, 7.30 am, 9 am, 3 pm and 4.30 pm. Rs. 500 has to be paid as safari charges and for children, it is fixed at Rs. 250.

Foreigners have to pay Rs. 1,600 and their children have to pay Rs. 800 per safari trip, said the Department officials.

Veteran journalist TJS George

chosen for Swadeshabhimani-Kesari Award

Kerala CM to present Award on July 1

Thiruvananthapuram, June 26 (UNI) - Veteran journalist and Columnist TJS George has been selected for the *Swadeshabhimani-Kesari Media Award-2017,* instituted by the Kerala Government.

"Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will present the prestigious award to the nonagenarian at a function to be held here on July 1," an official source said on Monday.

The Award, which carries a purse of Rs. 1 lakh, citation and a plaque, is the State Government's top honour for journalists.

A Committee comprising Dr. Sebastian Paul as its Chairman, Parvati Devi and N.P. Rajendran as Members selected TJS George for the Award.

Profile: Hailing from Thumpamon, a village in Kollam, Kerala, TJS George was born to Thayil Thomas Jacob, a Magistrate and Chachiamma Jacob.

TJS George

After graduating from Madras Christian College in Chennai with an Honours degree in English Literature, the 91-year-old began his career in *The Free Press Journal* in 1950. He has worked in several publications like *International Press Institute, Far Eastern Economic Review, Searchlight* and was the Founding-Editor of *Asiaweek,* Hong Kong. George is now Editorial Advisor to *The New Indian Express,* for which he writes a Sunday column, *Point of View* and the same is reproduced in *Star of Mysore* every Tuesday.

TJS George is a writer and biographer, who received *Padma Bhushan* Award in 2011 in the field of Literature and Education. He has achieved distinction internationally as a professional author, serious political columnist and biographer with a series of major books.

Auto drivers stage protest

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Protesting auto drivers said that they must be allowed to carry 8 children in one auto and 12 children in an Omni van. "It does not work out for us if we are allowed to carry less than 8 children in autos and 12 in Omni van. Our families are dependent on this income," the drivers charged. They flayed the Police for their action without considering about their livelihood.

Several auto drivers complained that the Police have warned that their licences will be seized if they violate the rules more than three times. They also complained that the Police were finding fault with the fitness of the vehicle though it is the responsibility of Road Transport Officials to check the condition of the vehicles.

Auto drivers demanded a full stop to the Police action and allow them to ferry children. "We don't risk the lives of children. It is our livelihood and we too have children. Why on earth we would risk our own safety," questioned an auto driver.

Police sensitise auto drivers

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The Police told the auto drivers to start complying with the Supreme Court guidelines that are in force. There was resistance to the new guidelines owing to economic factors as the auto drivers argued that they will not get good returns by transporting schoolchildren by adhering to these guidelines. The Police, however, told the drivers that the Supreme Court guidelines and the Motor Vehicle Act cannot be violated and cases will be booked against all drivers who continue violating norms and their licences will be impounded.

The drivers were told that in an auto, three plus one adults (including driver) can travel. When it comes to children, five children (below 12 years) can be accommodated. While the drivers demanded that they must be allowed to ferry six children, the Police rejected their demand.

They were told not to alter seats and make children dangerously sit on side bars. Drivers were asked not to hang school bags on the side mirrors as heavy bags will tilt the balance of the vehicle leading to accidents. Further, drivers who have been booked more than twice in a calendar year for traffic violations like overtaking, jumping red light or violating parking regulations, would also lose their right to carry children.

They would also be required to wear a proper uniform of Khaki trousers and Khaki shirt. All school autos and vans would be required to prominently display that they are being used for the purpose of schools. They would have to be golden yellow in colour and bear an iconographic representation of two schoolchildren, the Police told auto drivers.

All drivers must mandatorily have driving licences, RC and FC for their vehicles and must have the pollution certificates. All autos must have first aid kits and must always carry the details of the schools, students, their parents, home address and telephone numbers to reach out to parents or school authorities in case of emergencies. They were asked to obtain insurances from recognised insurance companies and not to obtain insurances from unauthorised or unrecognised companies.

Police barred from giving statements to media

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- A decision to ban Police officers from making unauthorised public statements and to maintain secrecy of work has been issued by the City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna under the instructions from the Director General and Inspector General of Police, Bengaluru.

The decision stipulates that members of the Police force, whether uniformed or civil, are not allowed to give statements to the media on any issue without obtaining prior permission. They have been barred from giving any information related to crimes to any media outlet until obtaining a special permission from the higher officers.

The officers authorised to give statements to media are City Police Commissioner at City level, Superintendent of Police at District level and Inspector General of Police at Division level.

Balakrishna has warned of disciplinary action including suspension against such officers who give statements to media without authorisation.

Those officers who want to give media statements must obtain prior permission from the Police Commissioner through the CCRB Inspector who has been named as the Public Relations Officer, Balakrishna stated.

Investiture Ceremony of Students' Council

Mysuru, June 26- Investiture Ceremony of Sharada Vidya Mandir, Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, was celebrated on June 21. The elected members of Students' Council for 2019-20 — Pratham L. Gowda as President, K. Srinidhi as Vice-President, Tashu Mehta as Secretary, Ankith K. Kashyap and B. Sachin as Treasurers — were given Badges. The Class Representatives are as follows:

I PU (A section): G.S. Sneha and Srinidhi Desai, I PU (B): R.V. Niharika and M. Suhas, I PU (C): P. Gehana Khameshara and N. Shree Vishnu, I PU (D): F. Atheeya Khanum and S.M. Mahadeva Prasad, I PU (E): Hita T. Raj and A.R. Koushik, I PU (F): P. Sanjana and G. Chiranjeevi, I PU (G): Khushi Derasariya and R. Sahas.

II PU (A): S. Adithi and D. Preetham, II PU (B): Adhya Anil Gowda and K.S. Bhuvan, II PU (C): Devika and K.P. Kiran, II PU (D): M.N. Rijutha and B. Dhanush, II PU (E): M.D. Chaithanya and P. Adarsh Urs.

M.N. Ravishankar, Police Inspector, Vidyaranyapuram Police Station, who was the chief guest, enlightened the students about Civil Services and advised them to inculcate leadership qualities and to maintain Law and Order.

N. Sachidananda Murthy, Chairman, in his Presidential address, spoke about the electoral procedure and value of voting.

R. Anand, Secretary, S.T. Thimmaraju, Treasurer and Academic Director, Jayashree S. Murthy, Trustee, B.N. Sunil Dayakar, Principal, staff and students were present.

Admission to UoM Evening College

Mysuru, June 26- University of Mysore (UoM) Evening College has invited applications for admission to BA, B.Com, and BBA (BBM) courses for the year 2019-20. The College has good teaching faculty with well-equipped library and will provide support and facilities for sports, NCC, NSS and other extracurricular activities.

From April 27, the application forms for first-year degree courses are being issued at the college office from 2.30 pm to 8.30 pm on payment of Rs.200.

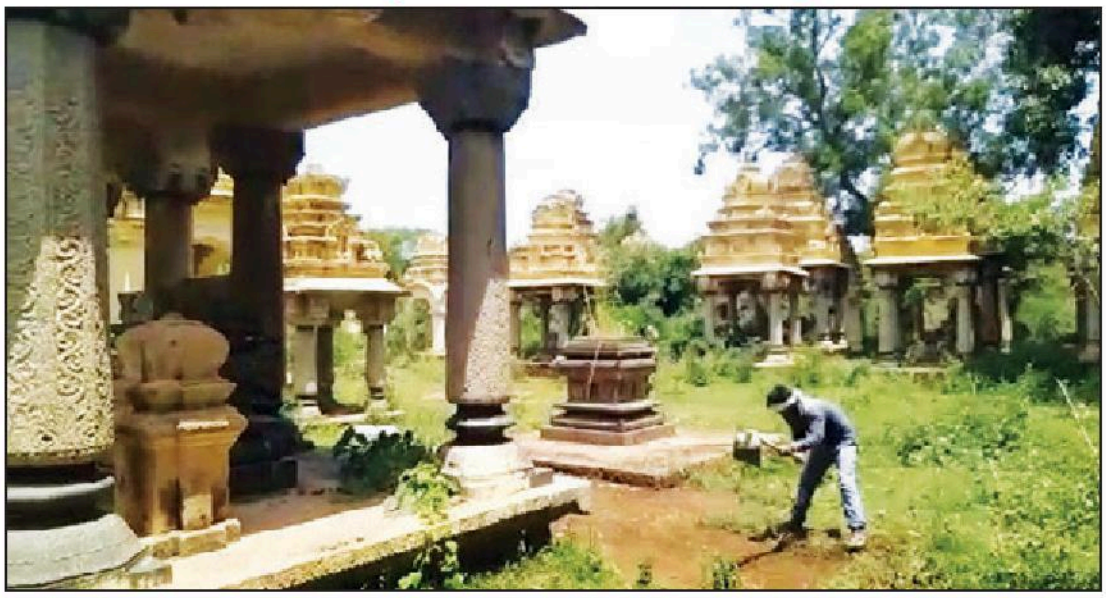
Admission is still going on and interested students can obtain the admission form, according to a press release.

Last date for admission without late fee is July 1 and with late fee is July 8.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2422932 or 2419244.

Royal Cemetery at Madhuvana to get facelift

SDNR Wadiyar Foundation plans to turn it into a tourist attraction



Mysuru, June 26 (RKB&NNN)- The resting place of the rulers of the erstwhile Wadiyar dynasty at Madhuvana on Nanjangud Road has always been an abode which has aroused the curiosity of the citizens, as it has a rich history.

Right from Lakshmammanni, the third wife of Immadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who was cremated here, to the first big ruler Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar whose Brindavan is there right at the entrance to the cemetery, many of the members belonging to the royal family have their final resting place here.

To spruce up the 12-acre Madhuvana, which is overgrown with weeds and bushes, the HH Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (SDNRW) Foundation headed by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, has taken up the cleaning of the place as part of its many projects to restore the heritage structures, including Sri Jayachamaraja Art Gallery.

A source in the Foundation speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that the Brindavans in Madhuvana always is cleaned and painted once in two years and there is a person stationed there to clean the temples and the cemetery.

The Tourism Department had many times in the past offered to maintain the site as a tourist spot, but the royal family was reluctant to hand over the same as it had always plans of maintaining it and throwing it open to public. The Foundation has plans to see that in future tourists will be allowed to view the many Brindavans of the rulers, said the source.

R. Rajachandra, an authority on Wadiyars and son-in-law of the last ruler Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning said that Madhuvana has a rich history as it dates back to the 18th century where many rulers of the royal family have been interred.

"One of the first to be cremated is Lakshmammanni, the third wife of Immadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who adopted Mummadi Krishanraja Wadiyar. Then it was the latter who passed away in 1868 who was cremated there. Interestingly, Chamaraja Wadiyar X who was adopted by Mummadi, died in Calcutta and his Brindavan is there in Kali Ghat, which is maintained beautifully by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation to this day," he said.

"The Brindavans of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Yuvaraja Sri Kanteerva Narasimharaja Wadiyar (who died in Bombay) and their mother Vani Vilas Sannidana are all in the same line. The last ruler of Mysore Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's (Sri JCW) resting place is also here and his Brindavan is at the entrance. Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, who died in 2013 is also cremated here. Besides, many members of the royal family including daughters and other relatives have been cremated here. The last one who was cremated here is Vishalakshi Devi, daughter of Sri JCW in 2018 during Dasara," he said.

One of the main reasons why the private resting place of the royal family has been lying in neglect is due to the Hindu traditions that need to be followed. If a son whose parents are alive has to take part in the cremation then he cannot as he is not allowed to enter the place. Similarly, no woman from the royal family can enter the cremation ground. Even the construction of Brindavan is an adoption of the cross-culture which is an influence from the Islam and Christian tradition, said Rajachandra.

The cemetery has three temples — Kashi Vishwanatha, Ganapathy and Kalamma temples and the idols are still being worshipped keeping in line with the tradition.

MCC launches 'Mission Clean Mysuru'

Mysuru, June 26 (US&PM)- With an intention to keep the city spick and span throughout the year, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has launched 'Mission Clean Mysuru' (MSM) which will be undertaken by MCC officials, elected representatives and residents voluntarily every Wednesday in each of the 65 Wards from 7 am to 5 pm.

MSM launched yesterday itself

Probably out of sheer eagerness, the MSM was actually launched yesterday itself with Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Additional Commissioner Shivananda Murthy, Mayor Pushpalata Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed and Additional DC B.R. Poornima taking up cleaning drive near DC's Office. Shilpa Nag said that such cleanliness drives were usually taken up extensively during *Swachh Survekshan* but now would be taken up round-the- year to create good awareness among people.

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In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka details on Cataract, Pseudo-Pregnancy and Anisocoria in cats

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

I recently noticed a discolouration in the centre of a 4-month-old kitten's eye — it's like a cloudy circle but has no discharge or irritation to the eye?

An opacity in the lens of the eye is most commonly attributed to either a cataract or sclerosis of the eye. Sclerosis only occurs in cats in old-age, so in this case your kitten is likely to have developed a cataract. However, a cataract can only be confirmed by a thorough veterinary examination, and your vet will design a treatment plan to not only cure the cataract but will address the underlying cause.

A cataract describes any opacity in the normally clear lens of the eye, and prevents light from reaching the retina at the back of the eye, sometimes eventually leading to blindness. Inherited conditions are the most common cause of cataracts and may be present at birth, or develop when the animal is very young. They can also be caused by injury, or illness such as diabetes, in which case treatment of the underlying condition is essential - if your kitten has diabetes, failure to treat this will lead to further complications. Cataracts can be removed surgically by a veterinary ophthalmologist, who will replace the lens with a plastic or acrylic prosthetic lens to allow for more focused vision. Cataract surgery requires a lot of postoperative care. I am not sure anyone in India can do it.

My pet cat is four-months-old. I find his tongue very scratchy. Should I be concerned?

A cat is a predator. Its natural food is prey that it catches. A cat's tongue is scratchy because it is lined with papillae — tiny elevated backward hooks — that help to hold its prey in place.

My cat got unwell when I gave him cow milk. Why would that happen?

Cats are lactose intolerant. They cannot digest and break down cow's milk proteins. They do like milk and cream though and will drink it if given. While a kitten won't get affected by cow milk but once she is an adult, cow milk will cause gas, diarrhoea etc. You need to supplement her diet with many other foods.

My cat's pupils are unequal in size. Is this important?

The pupil is the opening in the centre of the eye that allows light to pass through. The pupil expands when there is little light present, and contracts when there is a greater amount of light present. Anisocoria refers to a medical condition of unequal pupil size where one of a cat's pupils is smaller than the other. With proper detection of the disease's underlying cause, a treatment plan can be made to resolve the issue. Anisocoria may be an indication of a serious injury or disease, so a prompt medical diagnosis is essential.

The most noticeable symptom is when one pupil is visibly smaller than the other, but there may also be concurrent pain, such as pain in the eye, or pain in the head. Pain may be evidenced by pawing at the head or tilting the head to one side. Confusion may also be present, which may indicate head trauma or internal pressure.

There are several potential causes of an altered pupil size in cats, including inflammation in the frontal region of the eye, increased pressure in the eye, diseases that are focused in the iris tissue itself, a poorly developed iris, scar tissue build up in the eye, medications, or tumours. See a proper eye doctor not a vet.

What does it mean when a cat shows signs of pregnancy when there's no way she could be pregnant?

Phantom pregnancy may occur in mature female cats but this is very rare. A false pregnancy may occur in cats after their heat cycle. The cat develops the symptoms of a pregnancy if she is bred by a tom cat that is infertile.

If the cat is bred, her body ovulates and produces a gland that is developed in the ovaries after ovulation. This gland produces progesterone, which may lead to typical pregnancy symptoms. Sometimes even a sterile breeding produces this gland. The phantom pregnancy may occur even in spayed cats, in case they were spayed during the diestrus stage of the reproductive cycle. In very rare cases, cats with hypothyroidism can present symptoms of pregnancy without being pregnant, due to diverse blood changes.

In case your cat displays signs of phantom pregnancy, you need to treat her normally. If she is seeking more attention, give it to her. All you can do is wait until the cat gets over her false pregnancy behaviour. The symptoms of pseudo-pregnancy may persist for several months.

My cat falls asleep while standing and falls over?

Narcolepsy is a disorder that affects the way an animal is able to physically operate. It is symptomised by excessive daytime sleepiness, lack of energy, and brief losses of consciousness. During a narcoleptic episode, the affected cat will collapse onto its side or stomach, its muscles will slacken, and all physical movement briefly ceases. It is just as if the cat has suddenly fallen into a deep sleep. Closed eye movement continues, as with the stage of REM sleep. The episodes are typically brief and go away by themselves. Generally, narcolepsy has not been linked to any underlying cause. Some of the suspected causes that are still being studied are disorders of the immune system and disorders of the nerves.

Why is my sheep losing its wool?

One of the major reasons for a sheep losing its wool is because of the lice, or fleas, she might have got from the environment the sheep is living in, depending upon how poor the hygiene and cleanliness is.

Another major reason is the Sheep Scab. It is the most misdiagnosed, and incorrectly treated, skin condition of sheep. A huge amount of time and money is wasted by people who misguidedly treat sheep for the wrong skin conditions. Sheep Scab and infestations with lice are most frequently confused.

Scab is caused by a tiny parasitic mite, which lives on the skin surface, called Psoroptes ovis. It looks like a crystal of brown sugar. The condition is highly contagious, causes intense irritation, scratching, nibbling and wool loss. Some sheep spend so much time rubbing that they do not eat, lose weight, start to have epileptic fits and ultimately die. However, not all sheep infested with scab mites will scratch or rub.

Dips and pour-ons can be used to prevent infestation, especially if sheep are on common land.

Some sheep can be infested with both scab mites and lice at the same time. It can get quite complicated. Either suitable dips can be used which treat for both scab and lice or pour-ons can be used to target lice, then three days later an injectable preparation which will treat for scab.

When do puppies lose their baby teeth?

Puppy teeth are sharper than adult dog teeth. Unlike humans, dogs usually don't notice, or feel the difference, when they lose a tooth. Hence the phenomenon often goes unnoticed. The sharper baby teeth make up for a lack of jaw strength, while the stronger permanent teeth allow for better positioning and greater durability. Most dogs lose their baby teeth around 3 to 6 months. The teething period can be frustrating; the puppy clamps his mouth on everything he can reach, from body parts to sneakers, in an attempt to relieve the discomfort. Teething can be accompanied by drooling, irritability, and fluctuations in appetite.

I rescued some dogs from my alley and took them to a shelter. The shelter's staff wasn't as pleased as I was. Did I do anything wrong?

There is no point in rescuing healthy dogs. You should feed them and look after them in your alley itself. It is cruelty to expose them to the illness of a shelter, or to have them locked up for no reason. If they were ill enough to be taken to a shelter then you should be paying for their treatment and not hiding behind the excuse that they're not your personal dogs. All shelters are overcrowded and underfunded. You should have given them money for the treatment and food and, once they are well, you should take them back. Shelters are communal resources and shouldn't be taken advantage of to salvage your conscience, or to make you feel good. They are all run by small NGOs who get no funding from institutions, or government, and if they are used simply as dumping grounds they will shut down.

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ICC World Cup 2019

Finch stars in Australia's 64-run win over England

London, June 26- Reigning champion Australia beat England by 64-runs at Lord's Cricket Ground here and magnificent performance by skipper Aaron Finch 100 (116b,11x4,2x6) and left-arm medium-pacers Jason Behrendorff (five for 44) and Mitchell Starc (four for 43), enabled them to seal their place in the semi-finals in the on-going ICC World Cup 2019 on Tuesday.

Australia became the first team to qualify to the semi-finals.

Solid start by Australia

The men in form Aaron Finch (100) and David Warner 53 (61b,6x4) showed excellent batting prowess and excelled with the willow by adding 123-runs for the opening wicket which laid the foundation for a good score. David Warner departed (123 for one in 22.4 overs) caught by Joe Root off Moeen Ali.

The innings was further consolidated by Finch and Usman Khawaja 23 (29b,1x4) by adding 50-runs for the second wicket.

A. Finch departed after his century and Australia were reduced to 185 for three in 35.3 overs. S. Smith (38, 34b, 5x4) and Alex Carey (38 n.o., 27b, 5x4) were the other contributors for Australia. Australia's middle-order slumped with Glenn Maxwell (12) and Marcus Stoinis (8) departing quickly.

Australia ended up scoring 285 for seven in 50 overs. Chris Woakes (two for 46) was the most successful bowler for England.

Aaron Finch scored his fourth century of 2019 against England at Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Tuesday.

England falter

England, needing 286 to win, started badly losing two early wickets that of opener James Vince (0) and Joe Root (8) and were reeling at 15 for two in 3.3 overs. England's batsman were under pressure to perform with both fast bowlers for Australia Jason Behrendorff and Mitchell Starc taking a wicket each.

England were in all sorts of trouble losing skipper Eoin Morgan (4) off Mitchell Starc and they slumped to 26 for three in 5.5 overs. Opener Bairstow (27, 39b, 5x4) was the next to depart and Australia were reduced to 58 for four in 13.5 overs. After a vital 71-run partnership between Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler (25, 27b, 2x4), for the fifth wicket, Jos Buttler departed (124 for five in 27.2 overs). Chris Woakes (26) and the all-rounder Ben Stokes who played an excellent innings (89,115b, 8x4, 2x6) added 53-runs for sixth wicket. Adil Rashid (25) was the other contributor.

Wickets kept falling at regular intervals and England with no resistance from the lower order were bowled out for 221 in 44.4 overs. Left-arm medium-pacer Jason Behrendorff impressed with a five wicket haul (five for 44) and was well-supported by Mitchell Starc who took four for 43. Australia won by 64-runs.

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Australia: 285 for 7 in 50 overs (A. Finch 100, D. Warner 51, Alex Carey 38 n.o., S. Smith 38, Usman Khawaja 23, Chris Woakes 2 for 46) bt **England:** 221 in 44.4 overs (Ben Stokes 89, Bairstow 27, Jos Buttler 25, Chris Woakes 26, Adil Rashid 25, Jason Behrendorff 5 for 44, Mitchell Starc 4 for 43). **Player of the Match:** Aaron Finch.

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City girl selected as Trainee Pilot of IAF Flying Branch

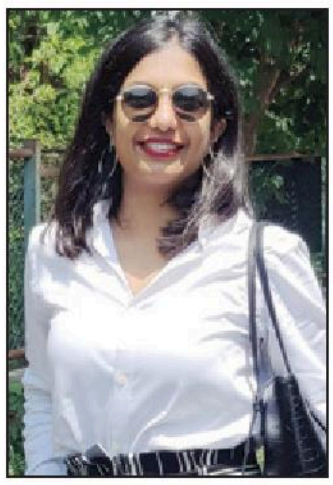
Mysuru, June 26 (SBD)- Coluvanda Punya Nanjappa, a resident of Vijayanagar in city, has been selected as a Trainee Pilot of Indian Air Force (IAF) Flying Branch.

The only girl from Karnataka to be part of the current course in Flying Branch of the Air Force Academy, she will be joining the Academy in Dundigal, Hyderabad, on July 8.

Punya is the daughter of Anuradha Nanjappa (a teacher at St. Joseph's Central School) and late Coluvanda P. Bala Nanjappa (he was serving as the Manager of Prabha Theatre), native of Chambebellur in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district.

Punya completed her schooling at St. Joseph's Central School in Vijayanagar, then pursued her PUC at Vijaya Vittala PU College in Saraswathipuram and Engineering at NIE, Mysuru.

Punya then took up Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT) on Aug.18, 2018. AFCAT is officer recruitment gateway in three branches of Air Force — Flying Branch (Short Service Commission only), Technical branch (Permanent and Short Service Commission) and Ground Duty Branch (Permanent and Short Service Commission).



Punya Nanjappa

After the Entrance Exam, five-day interview and medical tests and other processes, the final list was announced on June 11, 2019.

On completion of the one-and-a-half years' training period, which will be held at the Indian Air Force Academy in Dundigal from July 8, Punya will be eligible to join the IAF as a Pilot.

'Dasara Air Show was an inspiration'

When I was in 9th standard, my father had taken me to the Dasara Air Show. I was inspired to see the disciplined Pilots, dressed in blue uniform, flying the aeroplanes. That is when I aspired to become a Pilot. Hence, I joined NCC. In 2012, I was among the six Cadets from Karnataka selected in the NCC Air Wing to take part in the National Integration Camp. There I experienced Microlight Flying. As it was necessary to have Science Degree to join Air Force Flying Branch, I decided to take up Engineering. Alongside my academics, I was also preparing for the Air Force Competitive Exams, recalls Punya, who is also a good Throwball player and has represented Nationals in Softball.

City grapplers excel at Asian Open Jiu-Jitsu

Seven grapplers, attached of Academy of Martial Science (AMS), affiliated to Mysore Combat Sports Association (MCSA), won two Gold, four Silver and one Bronze Medal for India at the recently concluded Asian Open Sports Jiu Jitsu Championship organised by Sports Jiu Jitsu India Federation (SJJIF) at Delhi's Talkatora Indoor Stadium between June 14 and 16. A team of 14 fighters and two officials from AMS represented India at the above Championship. Seen are (from left - kneeling) Taran Ponnappa (Junior teen - Light weight - Silver Medal), G.M. Durgashree (Pre teen - Rooster weight - Silver), H.R. Theeksha Bharuni (Pre teen - Feather weight - Silver) and B.N. Sumith; (standing) N.M. Tharika Muthamma (Adult - Light weight - Silver), Rohan Singh, Samarth Vikram (Teen - Light weight - Silver), Syed Tanveer Ahmed (Team Manager and Official), Kru. Vikram - Head Coach (Master 3 - Light weight - Gold Medal)), M.R. Darshan (Team Coach), Kavyashree, M.N. Adhyatha (Adult-Middle weight - Gold) and Kumarswamy.

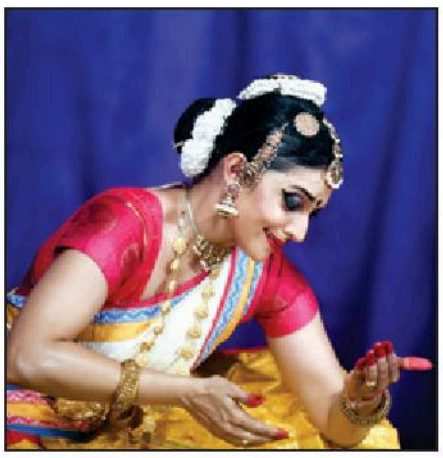
'Manjari' the mystique fragrance...

By Dr. Rama V. Bennur

The untold stories of flowers unravelled its many unknown fragrance to the rasikas of Mysuru on the 7th of June at the Veene Seshanna Bhavana of Ganabharathi. This unique attempt is a brainchild of **Vidu. Divya Ravi** of Bengaluru. The mythological, philosophical and spiritual significances of these flowers are often ignored. She opted to tell these stories of flowers through a finely crafted Bharatanatyam solo performance.

Groomed by the famed dancing couple Sandhya-Kiran Subramanyam and Soundarya Srivathsa, Divya is committed to dance. Her neat Nritta, fine abhinaya and her quest to explore the lesser known themes through choreographic ventures establish this commitment.

The theme was neatly presented within the parameters of 'Marga' tradition in a two hour concert. The six items revealed different faces of flowers.



The recorded music was scored by Shreevathsa (Vocal and lyrics), Prasannakumar (Natuvanga), Shrihari Rangaswamy (Mridanga and rhythmic compositions), Maheshswamy (Flute), Shubha Santosh (Veena) and Karthik Dathar (Rhythm pad). The invocatory item 'Alaripu,' carried the appropriate Hastha mudra indicating buds.

'Ashoka,' the fragrant red coloured pushpa revealed a rare story, other than its well-known reference of 'Ashoka Vana' in Ramayana. The egoistic 'Tashoka,' cursed by the sage becomes 'Ashoka' — the tree without 'shoka' and renounces his ego.

This sanchari was followed by Kalidasa's reference in 'Malavikagnimitra' that Ashoka tree bears flowers by the soft kicking of damsels. The neat sancharis were interesting with a relevant song in the raga Anandabhairavi in the background.

The next flower was Lotus, 'Parama Paavana Padma.' It is said in the Padma Purana, that Brahma the creator, created the universe with a golden lotus.

Divya successfully conveyed this theory of evolution with her good choreography. The seven chakras in human body are also represented by lotus with different number of petals. Lotus has been the favourite of our Gods and Goddesses with their lotus like eyes, face, hands, feet etc.

A Javali in Ragamalika beautifully portrayed Sathyabhama's anger, jealousy

and disappointment for, Lord Krishna has given 'Parijatha' flower to Rukmini, and not her, who is his beloved queen. Divya Ravi excelled in her abhinaya as 'Kalahantharitha nayika' in this item. 'Kethaki', which is not used to worship Lord Shiva has an interesting story behind.

She is cursed by Shiva when intoxicated by her own fragrance and pride, lies to him. Divya explored this story in the form of a Pada, set to Raga Saramathi.

Divya's final message was, flowers which carry on their species have been inspiring, evolving and helping mankind in his effort to self realisation. A lively thillana in the raga Lathangi portrayed their presence in our daily life like worshiping, showing respect or happiness or in surrendering. Divya Ravi's effort certainly deserves appreciation.

'Span of theatre and literature can be extended intellectually'

Book 'Maha Prayaana' released

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&US)- "By drawing emotion towards intellectual stage, the span of theatre and literary sector gets widened," opined Prof. H.S. Umesh, retired Principal, Sarada Vilas B.Ed College.

He was speaking at a programme organised by Mahima Prakashana at Vishwamaithri Buddha Vihar near Ashoka Circle in Krishnamurthypuram here on Sunday for the release of the book 'Maha Prayaana,' a Kannada translation by Dr. G. Chandrashekar.

Prof. Umesh recalled that six months ago at a convention of writers, a question arose whether a play could be written based on Science when theatre sector is literally monopolised with themes from history and mythology not excluding social themes.

He appreciated young playwrights in incorporating Science in plays. He commended Dr. Chandrashekar in excellently translating the original Hindi version by Dr. Rajendra Mohan Bhatnagar.

Former Rangayana Director Dr. B.V. Rajaram said that evolving 'Maha Prayaana' dating back to 40 or 50 years and conveying thoughts of Buddha is a commendable job which when enacted as a play would really be thought-provoking. He further said that people discuss on Siddhartha (Buddha) deserting his wife and young child but should rather focus on Siddhartha going for penance and achieving great heights in spiritualism, evolving as Buddha.

The book was released by Kalyanasiri Bantheja. Writer Dr. Chandrashekar, Publisher K.V. Srinivas, former Mayor Purushotham and others were present.

Mrs. India Karnataka

Mysore Most Talented

Anupama Ramakanth Rao, working in State Bank of India (SBI), was awarded 'Mrs. Mysore Most Talented' and also 'Best Classical Dancer' in Mrs. India Karnataka - 2019, held at Bengaluru recently under the initiative of Pratibha Saunshimath. Anupama Rao is a disciple of Gurus Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan of Bhushan's Academy in Mysuru.

DC, City Police Commissioner inspect Chamundi Hill ahead of Ashada Friday

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&DM)- With devotees set to throng Chamundi Hill in thousands on the First Ashada Friday on July 5, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna visited the Hill yesterday and inspected the security arrangements being made there. The two, accompanied by DCP M. Muthuraj, Traffic ACP G.N. Mohan and other Police Personnel, discussed the arrangements being made for the devotees to have a hassle-free *darshan*, Temple entry and exit and vehicle parking arrangements, with the Temple EO K.M. Prasad and Temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Sashishekar Dikshit.

The DC directed the Temple authorities to ensure proper queues for devotees, prevent commotion at Dasoha Bhavan, ensure availability of drinking water, proper sanitation, lighting and such other civic issues for the benefit of devotees. The DC discussed issues such as prohibiting vehicles near the Temple during VVIP & VIP visits, prohibiting private parties from distributing 'Prasada' in Temple premises and allowing 'Prasada' distribution only at Dasoha Bhavan or at a far off place.

Issues such as parking of vehicles at Lalitha Mahal helipad, ferrying devotees from helipad to the hilltop in KSRTC buses and all others steps that are to be taken for smooth *darshan* at the Temple, safety and security of devotees, vehicle parking facilities, maintenance of law and order etc.

The DC, taking note of the crimes being reported from atop the Hill and the surroundings, instructed the Police to take all necessary measures for curbing crimes at the foot and atop the Hill, especially during the night.

T. Ramesh Babu returns as Mysuru Tahsildar

T. Ramesh Babu

Mysuru, June 26- The State Government on Tuesday reappointed T. Ramesh Babu as Mysuru Tahsildar. Ramesh Babu, who was serving as Mysuru Tahsildar earlier, was transferred to Madhugiri ahead of Lok Sabha Polls.

Following Ramesh Babu's transfer then, Renu Kumar took charge as Tahsildar.

But as there were complaints against Renu Kumar, Mahesh, who was serving at MCC, was appointed as the new Tahsildar. Now the State Government has re-appointed T. Ramesh Babu.

Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations

Trust to rejuvenate Aiynora Lake tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26 (RKB&US)- Marking Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti tomorrow, Janachethana Trust, together with other organisations, will take up total rejuvenation of Aiynora Lake near Ring Road in Lalithadripura here.

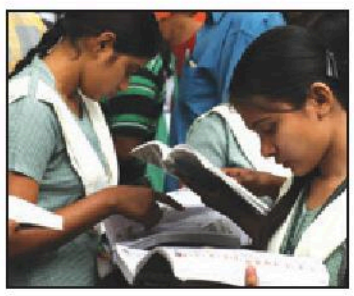
Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Janachethana Trust President Prasanna N. Gowda recalled that when Kempegowda chose Bengaluru to be the capital of the State, the first importance given was conservation and upkeep of all water bodies as water is the lifeline of all living species. He said that to carry on the message of Kempegowda, Janachethana Trust has been engaged for the last ten years in creating awareness among people on preservation of lakes and conservation of precious water.

Continuing, Prasanna said that celebrating Kempegowda Jayanti meaningfully, the Aiynora Lake, which is on the verge of extinction, would be rejuvenated thoroughly on June 27.

Ananda Rao of Suraksha Foundation, Raju B. Kannali of Grameena Samsthe, Prashanth and P. Geetha of Swachhanda team were present during the press meet.

'Kannada must in ICSE, CBSE Schools'

Primary & Secondary Education Minister S.R. Srinivas warns of action against schools violating rules



Kannada medium schools will not be closed. Every year 20 to 30 schools are shutting down at the taluk level. In the light of this, Government itself has started English medium schools. Along with these schools, Kannada mediums schools will also be provided basic facilities and their standards improved. **—Minister S.R. Srinivas**

Bengaluru, June 26 (KMS&NNN)- The teaching of Kannada as a subject will be made compulsory in ICSE (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education) and CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) schools, said the new Primary and Secondary Education Minister S.R. Srinivas and warned the schools that if they violate the rules, action will be taken against them.

Addressing the media persons here yesterday, he said that disciplinary action will be taken against education officials too if these schools do not teach Kannada in their schools. According to the rules, the CBSE and ICSE schools must teach Kannada as a subject. However, a few schools are violating these rules.

Hence, action will be taken against such schools. Action will also be taken against DDPIs (Deputy Director of Public Instruction) and BEOs (Block Education Officer), who show laxity in applying the rules. Besides, he personally would visit schools at the district-level to inspect whether these schools are following the rules, he added.

The schools, which do not give importance to Kannada, will be warned in the first stage. If they continue to ignore the warning, then action will be taken against them, he said.

In order to see that even the poor and the children in rural areas get quality education, English medium has been started in 1,000 schools in the State. As a result, the demands for these English medium schools have gone up.

Since there is a demand, the matter will be discussed with the Chief Minister and from the next academic year, more English medium schools will be started, said Srinivas.

The government's intention is to see that even rural students get good quality education. That does not mean that Kannada medium schools will be closed. At the taluk level, every year 20 to 30 schools are shutting down. In the light of this, the Government itself is opening English medium schools.

Along with this, the Kannada medium schools will also be provided better facilities and the children there will be given quality education. Efforts are on to involve the Corporates to provide basic facilities to the rural schools, he said.

Women Congress launches post card campaign for ballot paper polls

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&DM)- Members of the KPCC women's wing launched a post card campaign seeking to return to ballot papers, in front of the MCC office here yesterday.

Addressing the women Congress workers, former MLA M.K. Somashekar alleged that EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines) were hacked during the 2018 Assembly polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha Polls.

Maintaining that there was every possibility of EVMs being hacked, Somashekar demanded return to ballot papers to ensure transparency in the elections.

Claiming that there were many doubts on the functioning of EVMs, he maintained that EVMs were not foolproof and can be hacked. He further said that Ballot Papers must be used in all future elections for upholding democracy.

KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. Pushapa Ananath said that there was strong objection to EVMs across the country.

Claiming that almost all political parties, barring the BJP, were demanding ballot paper polls, she alleged that there were many cases of mismatch of VVPATs.

Stressing on the need for using ballot papers, for maintain transparency in polls, she said that the post card campaign is aimed at sending more than one lakh post cards to the President of India seeking ballot paper polls.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Mayor Modamani, former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli, Congress leaders Dr. Sujatha Rao, M.A. Kamala Anantaram, Lalitha Nagaraj and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Oneiric

Pronunciation: oh-NYE-rik.
Meaning: Of or relating to dreams : dreamy.
Origin: The notion of using the Greek noun oneiros (meaning "dream") to form the English adjective oneiric wasn't dreamed up until the mid-19th century. But back in the late 1500s and early 1600s, linguistic dreamers came up with a few oneiros spin-offs, giving English oneirocriticism, oneirocritical, and oneirocritic (each referring to dream interpreters or interpretation). The surge in oneiros derivatives at that time may have been fueled by the interest then among English-speaking scholars in Oneirocritica, a book about dream interpretation by 2nd-century Greek soothsayer Artemidorus Daldianus. In the 17th century, English speakers also melded Greek oneiros with the combining form -mancy ("divination") to create oneiromancy, meaning "divination by means of dreams."
Example: "Somewhere along the twisty path of the twentieth century, Vladimir Nabokov, our brilliant dreamer-in-chief, came into contact with [aeronautical engineer and philosopher John W.] Dunne's theories of oneiric prophecy and was evidently inspired by them." — Nicholson Baker, The New Republic, 21 Feb. 2018.

THE ODD WORD

Octothorpe

Another term for the symbol # (the hash sign or pound sign).

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Old chestnut

Meaning: A story that has been told repeatedly before, a 'venerable' joke. Hence, in extended use, anything trite, stale, or too often repeated.
Origin: The phrase 'old chestnut' has only an indirect association with chestnut trees or with their fruit. The derivation of the expression turns out to be a contender for old chestnut status itself. The story goes like this: in 1816, a melodrama called Broken Sword, by the playwright and theatrical manager William Dimond, was performed at the Royal Covent Garden Theatre, London. The play contained this exchange:
Zavior: I entered the wood at Collares, when suddenly from the thick boughs of a cork tree...
Pablo: (Jumping up.) A chesnut, Captain, a chesnut... Captain, this is the twenty-seventh time I have heard you relate this story, and you invariably said, a chesnut, till now.
Despite a drubbing from the critics, the play was a success and later transferred to theatres in the USA. So far, so factual.

QUOTE BOX

Under the spreading chestnut tree I sold you and you sold me.

— George Orwell

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus below:

Answer: Downpipe.

SUDOKU

		3	7		6		5	
					2			8
					4			9
4						8		1
	2	1				5	4	
8		7						3
5			9					
7			2					
	8		5		1	7		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	8	9	2	3	6	1	4
6	2	9	5	1	4	3	7	8
1	4	3	8	6	7	9	5	2
9	7	4	1	3	5	8	2	6
8	3	5	6	9	2	1	4	7
2	1	6	4	7	8	5	3	9
5	6	2	3	4	9	7	8	1
4	8	1	7	5	6	2	9	3
3	9	7	2	8	1	4	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A sporting side
5 "Take On Me" group
8 Nav. readings
12 Peruvian Indian
13 Paper for brides
15 A series of things linked together
17 Clean with a broom
18 Organic compound
19 A signal of distress
21 City in Oklahoma
24 Sauron's footsoldier in Lord Of The Rings
27 Weep a little bit? (4,1,4)
30 Norse goddess
31 Musical melodies?
32 Thus used or spelt, etc.; so in Latin?
33 With full seriousness (2,7)
35 Tax deducted at source, in short
36 Region in New Zealand's South Island
37 Kipling book
39 City near Oakland
41 Small dog
45 Aryan in Dhoom 2 (7,6)
49 Ex-Aussie wicket keeper (3,5)
50 Slippery fish
51 Roman robe
52 Suffix for enzymes
53 True to one's ___ : extremely loyal?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	B	E	■	L	I	A	R	■	S	I	N
A	C	E	R	■	E	S	S	E	■	O	D	E
H	A	H	A	■	S	H	A	C	K	L	E	S
■	P	O	S	S	E	■	■	A	E	D	E	S
M	U	L	E	S	■	■	A	P	P	■	■	■
O	L	D	■	E	R	G	S	■	I	N	S	T
A	C	E	■	S	O	N	I	A	■	O	H	O
S	O	N	G	■	U	S	S	R	■	N	I	L
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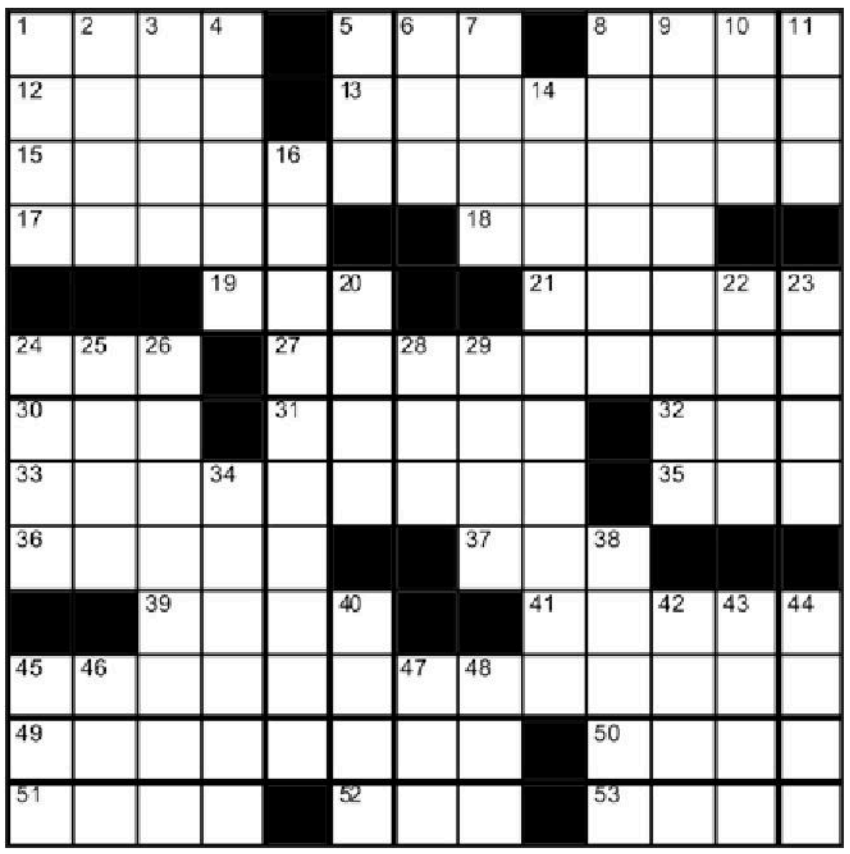
I	L	L	U	S	O	R	Y	■	E	N	D	S
N	I	A	■	K	N	O	T	■	A	S	E	A
C	A	B	■	S	T	Y	E	■	M	E	D	E

DOWN

1 Spasms affecting facial muscles
2 Enough in old English?
3 Pimples
4 Old spiked clubs
5 Thing done; deed
6 Weeding implement
7 Sister of Charles
8 Start, begin or commence (3,3)
9 Showing least movement; most calm
10 WWII area
11 Transgress, act immorally
14 Inane hero - "fact is NATO" anagram?
16 Punctuation mark
20 Keep clear of
22 Spoke or uttered
23 Curves
24 One of the USA
25 Hire payment
26 Washing or laundering?
28 Vane dir.
29 Office need
34 Queen of Crime ___ Christie
38 Old Testament prophet
40 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
42 South America's answer to the ostrich and the emu
43 Vex or humiliate, exasperate?
44 This month, in short
45 Collide or clash
46 "Oar" broken to get our ex-Prime Minister?
47 Kilolitres, abbr.
48 Cereal grass allied to wheat, from which whisky is made



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XUPMHMSQPXN HM SVQ IYMS AQWBZQ

UW SVQ BPHFYZHPYSHKQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To be able to be caught up into the world of thought, that is being educated.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
I Love You	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Kanchana-3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Amar	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Haftha	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Sarvajanikaralli Vinanthi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
The Dark Lurking	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Kabir Singh	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sindhubaadh	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Pokkiri	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Nancy	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Maharshi	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Toy Story-4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.55 pm, 4.30 pm
Kabir Singh (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.40 pm 9.55 pm
Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.45 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
I Love You Nanne Prethse (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 4.45 pm, 7.20
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Voter (Hero Of The Nation) (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Haftha (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya (Te)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakiir (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Thamasha (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Kabir Singh (H)	(S-3)	10.15 am
	(S-2)	11.15 pm, 2.45 pm 6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Toy Story 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 12.20 pm 5.20 pm, 7.35 pm
I Love You Nanne Prethse (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 7.05 pm
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-1)	9.50 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Haftha (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Voter (Hero Of The Nation) (Te)	(S-2)	5.10 pm
Sarvajanikaralli Vinanthi (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Krishna Garments (K)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.35 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakiir (E)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Kabir Singh (H)	9.10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 6.30 pm 10 pm
Toy Story 4 (E)	10.30 am, 4.30 pm, 7 pm, 9.30 pm
Krishna Garments (K)	10.35 am
I Love You (Nanne Preethse) (K)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakir (E)	12.40 pm
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	1.20 pm, 9.50 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	4.20 pm
Voter (Te)	4.20 pm
Saarvajanikaralli Vinanthi (K)	7:00 pm
Haftha (K)	9.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

ATI conducts workshop on Flood Management

Centre of Disaster Management Senior Faculty and Course Director Dr. Ashok Sanganal, Communication Officer Dr. M. Dileep Kumar and the staff are seen along with 30 Officers from different Departments at a workshop organised by Centre for Disaster Management, Administrative Training Institute (ATI), in city recently.

Mysuru, June 26-The Centre for Disaster Management, ATI (Administrative Training Institute) had organised a five-day workshop on "Main-streaming Flood and Landslide Resilience: Planning and Practices," at its premises here recently.

Course Director Dr. Ashok Sanganal made participants aware about basic concepts of disaster risk reduction in flood risk management, reasons for landslide, flood forecasting and early warning system, role and responsibility of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), District Disaster Management Authority, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per the provisions of Disaster Management Act-2005.

As part of training, about 30 Officers from different Departments were taken to Madikeri, to conduct a study on current status of the flood and landslide affected areas and houses being built for the flood and landslide victims.

During the study, participants were able to discuss with the Nodal Officer Samshuddin of the Kodagu District Administration about the role of the administration. Along with Nodal Officer, the participants visited rehabilitation sites at Karnangeri, Madenadu, Jambur and discussed about the quality of houses. The participants asked officials about mitigation measures to be taken by District Administration and submitted a report at the end.

The main objective of this programme was to train Officers, who are likely to be involved in the landslide and flood disaster management activities, according to a press release from ATI.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 26)

Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — 'Right Right' and 'Ayyo Dyavre' written by journalist Ravi Pandavapura — by MLA A.H. Vishwanath, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, retd. Principal of St. Philomena's College Prof. M. Krishnegowda speaks about the book, senior writer Dr. CPK presides, Samvahana Prakashana's D.N. Lokappa will be present, Rani Bahadur auditorium, University of Mysore, **4.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: Ranga Sangeetha Sanje (Theatre Musical Evening), columnist Prof. M. Krishnegowda inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Dasti Education Institution Head Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Sandhya Suraksha Trust President Dr. B.R. Nataraja Joise chief guests; Professional Theatre Songs by Ranga Ratnakara troupe, Bengaluru, District Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Music Concert: Flute concert by Vid. Prapancham Balachandran and troupe, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurates, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Vocal recital by Vid. Bangalore M. Nishanth, accompanied by Vid. K.J. Dileep on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anur on kanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Technical Talk on 'Low temperature preservation of fruits and vegetables' by T.R. Prabhu, retd. Dy. Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, Dr. R. Suresh, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, D.K. Dinesh Kumar, Hon. Secretary, IEI Mysuru, will be present, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 27)

Department of Studies in Mathematics: International Conference on 'Number Theory and Graph Theory' to commemorate 62nd birthday of Prof. Chandrashekar Adiga, UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi and Prof. Chandrashekar Adiga of DoS in Mathematics, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Studies auditorium, UoM, Manasagangothri, **9 am.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Mahima Prakashana: Book release — 'Saamanyanobbana Swagatha,' a collection of Mysooru Mithra columnist and writer Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh's articles — by Senior JD(S) leader and MLA A.H. Vishwanath, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, renowned Music Director Hamsalekha guest of honour, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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